Production of Iron Ore in Orissa

4030. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the production of iron ore in different mines of Orissa during the last three years;

(b) whether some iron ore mines have been closed down in Orissa;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to re-open those mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) As reported by the Indian Bureau of Mines, the production of iron ore in the State of Orissa during 1988 to 1990 was as under:-

	(In '000 tonnes)
1988	7465
1989	7276
1990	7959

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Illegal Mining of Precious Stones

4031. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an enormous loss of revenue due to the illegal mining of the precious stones in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

News-item Captioned "Adalat Ke Nirdesh Bhi Nahi Manti Delhi Police"

4032. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Adalat Ke Nirdesh Bhi Nahi Manti Delhi Police" appearing in 'Jansatta' dated August 1, 1991;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c) There was a news-item in "Jansatta" on 1st August, 1991 alleging arrest of some innocent Sikh boys and the defiance of Court Orders by the Delhi Police. The Delhi Police have reported that four persons mentioned in the newspaper, namely Jasvinder Singh, Rajvinder Singh, Veer Singh and Jagjeet Singh were arrested on 29th July, 1991. Three of them were in illegal possession of arms and the fourth was found in illegal possession of a grenade. A criminal case was registered separately against each of them. The Delhi Police have also reported that *habeas corpus* petitions moved on behalf of Jasvinder Singh and Rajvinder Singh were dismissed by the High Court.

Verma Inquiry Commission

4033. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Verma Commission constituted to inquire into the assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi has extended the period for giving statements in this regards; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?